



**Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at 8pm on Thursday 7th April 2022
The Fairford Leys Centre, Hampden Square, Fairford Leys**

Present: Cllrs Cole (Chairman), Pattinson, Poland-Goodyer, James, Walland, Blandford,
Wadlow and Andrew
K Gray (Clerk to the Council)

3 residents

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive and accept apologies for absence notified to the Chairman or Clerk

RESOLVED: To receive and accept apologies for absence from Cllr C Baughan (work commitment) and R Harper (illness).

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive any pecuniary or non-pecuniary declarations of interest

To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

- No declarations made and no dispensations requested

3. Minutes of the Previous Full Council Meeting

RESOLVED: To accept and sign the minutes of 3/3/22 as a true record.

4. Clerk's Report

To receive a report from the Clerk on matters dealt with and taking forward.

- Riverine Corridor land management – Tree Survey conducted
- Cycle-way project, Bridge on Spruce Road – permission requested from BC
- Work schedules, grass cutting season.
- Land Registry matter – Main Park.
- Council approval of Aylesbury Wombles for charity at Fair in Square event
- Permissive Path Agreement – Spruce Road / Swallow Lane footbridges.
Bucks Council Emerald Way cycleway
- Repeated vandalism and graffiti across Fairford Leys

Cllr Pattinson reported that the village clock is not working

Cllr Andrew reported that the wall at side of Rebenos was showing large scale damp patches

RESOLVED: Chairman to suspend Standing Orders to allow questions from the public & any reports

5. Questions from the Public & Reports

- Residents from Monks Path reported concerns of activity connected to the tree works on Monks Path as well as some hedging debris left in the area. They also raised

concerns over the height of the trees and asked if these could be reduced. Questions also asked on what the significance of orange marks on some of the trees.

This land is not formally transferred to the parish council yet but we have previously done some works in cutting hedging etc in order to assist the residents.

The tree survey process and works done on the trees were carried out by Taylor Wimpey appointed tree surgeons prior to land transfer to the parish council. as well as the parish maintenance team.

The Clerk also explained the parish council's land management policy and the "wilding" elements of the policy in leaving some areas as wild as possible which the riverine corridor is meant to be with only some heavy cutting carried out so that wildlife can flourish., rather than cultivated park like areas of land.

The clerk will visit the area again, as well as speak to the maintenance team and see what, if anything, further needs to be done to ensure the area is looking its best.

Once the parish council take ownership then we can decide if the trees need lowering but we don't normally carry out works on healthy trees unless they are causing a real problem. We do not cut down trees on the basis of more light needed into properties.

The concerns raised about footpath damage by the roots of the trees is a matter for Bucks Council to consider as they are responsible for the footpaths. The parish council can carry out works on the footpaths if they wish to pay for these works otherwise it is a matter for Bucks Council.

- Cllr Walland reported that local residents overlooking the main square wished to thank the maintenance team for the continued maintenance of the main square and the planting and flowers.
- Cllr Poland-Goodyer reported on some environmental services works by Bucks Council in relation to tree planting and they are looking for land to plant trees. It is being suggested that the Ernest Cook Trust be contacted about land areas at the back of Napier Road as these could be used to plant trees. He has also met with Hs2 representatives about the flood issues and additional water that may head towards Fairford Leys from other parts of the Hs2 land taken.

Some Ukrainian families are due to be settled in Fairford Leys and it was agreed that the Clerk should purchase a Ukrainian flag to fly alongside the Union Jack.

- Cllr James gave an update on the arrangements for Fair in the Square. Stall holders are being sought, BBQ and beer is being sponsored and volunteers agreed for collection for Aylesbury Wombles as well as litter pick throughout the day.
- Cllr Andrew raised concerns about the time being taken to correct the damage to the house on Great Meadow Way as people were being forced to walk on the stretch of road which is a little dangerous. Other councillors noted that some work has started. He also gave an update on the work/changes to the parish council website, which was appreciated.
- Cllr Wadlow asked if the parish council could do anything to enforce dogs on leads on public paths on Fairford Leys as some were causing problems with other animals as well as running across roads. He was advised that there is no By-law in place and it is not illegal for dogs to be off leads on footpaths.
- Cllr Pattinson reported on the arrangements for the next edition of Coldharbour News.
- Cllr Cole reported on the well-attended visits to the Hs2/EFFB bus which was sited in the main square sometime ago. Residents were able to engage with representatives from Hs2 and EKFB and had lots of questions answered. Reports of the days activity had been positive. He also gave an update on arrangements for Music in the Square and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee events to be held in the main square.

RESOLVED: *Chairman to reconvene meeting under Standing Orders.*

6. Decisions by the Resources & Personnel Committee and Leisure Committee Meetings

Council is asked to receive and approve the minutes & decisions of the above Standing Committees. Minutes of the committees have been copied to all councillors.

- To receive and note the decisions of a meeting of the Leisure Committee held on 3rd March 2022.

RESOLVED: That the above minutes of 3/3/22 be received, noted and agreed.

7. Riverine Corridor Update

To receive an update and make such decisions, as necessary.

Phase 3 of the land transfer has taken place, tree surveys and works on other areas taken place and we await further transfers of land.

8. Finances and Orders for Payment

RESOLVED: To agree and authorise the following orders and retrospective orders for payment:

• Briants of Risborough	Maintenance	£123.49	3480
• AVS Fencing Supplies	Maintenance	£33.62	3481
• Briants of Risborough	Maintenance	£242.88	3482
• Vale Tyre Services	Maintenance	£192.00	3483
• BHIB Insurance	Insurance Policy	£7,861.94	3484
• Findel Education	Replacement Hoops	£623.98	3485
• Vale Tyre Services	Tyres	£235.20	3486
• KM Commercials	Maintenance	£162.00	3487
• CH Morgan	Maintenance	£81.35	3488
• Sarah James	Reimbursement	£129.00	3489
• Robert C Yates & Partners	Tree Survey	£1,700	3491
• Aylesbury Town Council	Training for CPC	£504.00	3492
• Spaldings	Maintenance	£178.51	3493

RESOLVED: To receive, note and agree/accept the Councils Financial statements, income and expenditure report. Emailed to all councillors.

9. Garden Competition

Proposal from Cllr Blandford that the Parish Council discuss the merits of a Fairford Leys Garden Competition and the arrangements and requirements for such a competition.

Discussion took place on the merits of a FL Garden Competition and all councillors agreed it would be good to do. It was also agreed that this is something that a Councillor needs to take a lead on and manage the competition.

RESOLVED: That the council would consider this in the future.

10. Allotment Competition

To agree that the Allotment Competition takes place and Cllr Blandford to arrange the judging and prizes for winners (£75, £50 and £25 Garden Centre vouchers).

Cllr Blandford gave an update on the arrangements of the Allotment Competition and his discussion with garden centres on their assistance, participation and sponsorship of this event. Judging panel will be established and relevant prizes sought. Further updates will be given and once winners agreed then certificates can be arranged and presented at the Fair in the Square event as previously done.

11. Playgrounds Refurbishment Working Group

To receive a report from Cllr James on the discussions and proposals from the working group for the refurbishment of the playgrounds. Council to consider any requests from the working group.

Cllr James gave a presentation on the proposals for the refurbishment of the playparks (see attached slides).

RESOLVED: That the proposed designs for the all the playparks be agreed as shown and described in the presentation.

RESOLVED: That the funding be sought from Hs2 as well as any other businesses, groups charities etc to assist in the specific designs and use of the proposed playpark refurbishment e.g. sensory playpark on Monks Path – charity to advise and possible provide funding.

RESOLVED: That Cllr James and the working group, with assistance and advice from the Clerk, proceed with all that needs to be done to ensure the works take place along with suitable equipment, flooring and relevant funding.

The council will be kept updated and asked for relevant approval on specific matters that arise during these works.

12. Gardenway & Aylesbury Garden Town

To discuss any matters relating to the above project/scheme

No updates on these projects/schemes.

13. Outside Gym

Council to consider paying the additional amounts in costs due to rising material costs.

This means that the £25,000 grant from the Aylesbury Community Board needs to be topped up by £1,500 from the Parish Council reserves.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk inform the company that the parish council wishes to see the original design installed and for the additional payment of £1,500 to be made to ensure this happens.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk proceed with the arrangements.

14. Planning Applications

To receive, comment and to either object, support or oppose the following planning Applications.

To consider late applications presented by the Clerk.

To consider Ernest Cook Trust Permission on all planning applications.

To note and formally agree decision/comments made under delegated authority.

ERNEST COOK TRUST COVENANTS

Permission is sought from the following residents regarding their properties:

No planning applications or covenant permission requests received.

There being no further business of the Council, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____